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PATENT

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL  
AND FEE AUTHORIZATION**

Applicant: Kruse, et al.

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Title: FATIGUE TEST FOR PROSTHETIC STENT

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1. This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.
2. The following are submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.
  - a. ☐ Previously Submitted
    - ☐ Amendment/Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on
    - ☐ Appeal Brief previously filed on
    - ☐ Reply Brief previously filed on
    - ☐ Other
  - b. ☒ Enclosed
    - ☒ Amendment Accompanying Request for Continued Examination Under 37 CFR § 1.114
    - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
    - ☒ Petition for Further Extension of Time
    - ☒ Other: Fee Calculation Sheet
3. Miscellaneous
  - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of        months.
  - b. ☐ Other:

## 4. Fees

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1. ☐ Check in the amount of for RCE filing fee.
2. ☐ Check in the amount of for request for suspension of action
3. ☐ Check in the amount of for an Extension of Time
4. ☐ Other:

b. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account number 50-1038. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

1. ☒ The RCE fee of \$770.00 required under 37 CFR 1.17(e).
2. ☐ The request for suspension of action
3. ☒ The further two-month Extension of Time of \$840.00
4. ☒ Other: Extra claim fee of \$72.00


c. ☐ Payment is made via credit card. (Form PTO-2038 is enclosed)d. ☒ Authorization is hereby given to charge any fees that relate to the filing of this RCE and are necessary to avoid abandonment of this application, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account Number 50-1038. If an extension of time for replying is necessary, the undersigned hereby petitions therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

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